

Attachment A

East Chicago Household Flood Protection Program Outline

- I. Objective: To reduce basement flooding in East Chicago by offering limited financial assistance from the City of East Chicago and the East Chicago Sanitary District (HSD) to qualified households.
- II. Description of Program: The City and EC will each contribute \$75,000 to fund this program for the first year. The program will run for one year or until the funds are exhausted and upon completion will be evaluated for further continuation. The financial assistance will be limited to the installation of standpipes or shutoff valves in eligible households. The program will contribute 50 percent of the cost to install the appropriate flood protection device with a maximum program contribution of \$750 per household.
- III. Guidelines: To be eligible to participate in this program the household must have transmitted a complaint and be on the sewer maintenance department's complaint data base. The sewer department must verify that there is or has been a flooding problem at the household.
- IV. Implementation: Once the sewer department has verified a problem the household will contact a licensed East Chicago plumbing contractor to install the appropriate device. The household will be reimbursed (up to \$750) for 50 percent of the cost once the bill is submitted and the sewer department approves the work.
- V. Reporting: The sewer department will track all progress and submit interim reports quarterly to the Mayor and to the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, and a final report at the end of the year.